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I submit a copy of the original Response B mailed on 25 July 2003 with the stamped, returned post card showing receipt at the USPTO to be 29 July 2003. Since Applicant submitted Response B in a timely manner, no official fee should be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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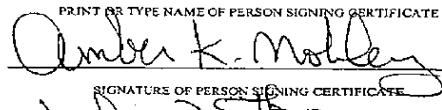
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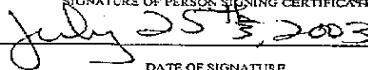
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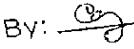
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RESPONSE BIntroductory Remarks

This paper responds to the Office Action dated 30 May 2003 (Paper Number 6). The above Application contains pending Claims 1-31. Claims 12-16 and 18-31 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-11 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as discussed below. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of Claims 1-11 and 17 and requests reconsideration and withdrawal thereof together with allowance of Claims 1-11 and 17 and new Claim 32 at an early date.

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